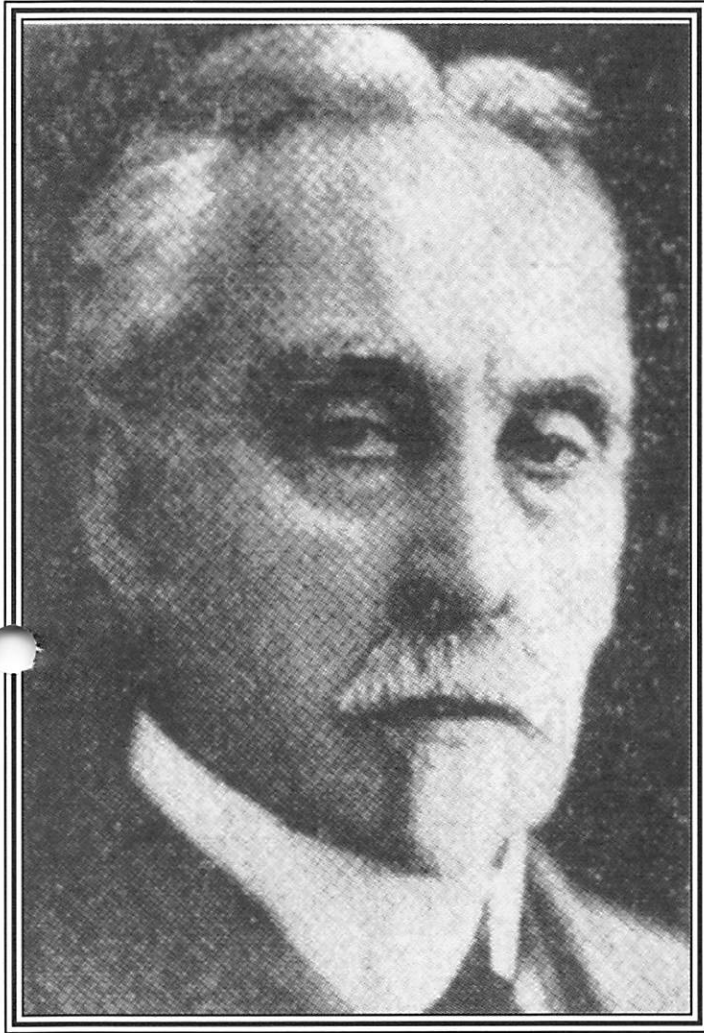


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Atherton Furlong (1849-1919) Photo courtesy of the Greenwood Historical Society.

Atherton Bernard Furlong: Artist, Singer, Poet

[Editor's Note: The following obituary of Atherton Furlong appeared in the 24 October 1919 issue of the *Norway Advertiser* and was provided by Society member Larry Glatz of Harrison, ME. Much gratitude is also due Blaine Mills of the Greenwood Historical Society for furnishing the photograph of Furlong, who was born in the Patch or Furlong Mountain section of that town. He married three times, but his sons were by his first wife Carletta E. Wellington. The second wife's name is not recorded. His third wife was Kaloola Lovett of Portland, a noted singer.]

The funeral services of Atherton Bernard Furlong were held Sunday afternoon at the Universalist Church, Rev. C. G. Miller, officiating. The bearers were Charles S. Akers, Frank Kimball, Frank H. Noyes and Herman L. Horne, all of Norway. Interment was in Pine Grove Cemetery, according to his last wish.

In the death of Mr. Furlong, which occurred at his studio, Toronto, Canada, a noted artist, distinguished for his remarkable versatility in singing, painting, and writing has gone. He was born in Greenwood, seventy years ago. Here he obtained his early education in the district schools of Greenwood and the academy at Norway. At the age of sixteen, he started out for himself and first in Buffalo, then later in Boston, worked hard to obtain a musical education. Boston knew him in the early days of his career, when as a youth of twenty-two, he became a member of the Apollo Club and also assumed the musical directorship of Park Street Church during the pastorate of the Rev. W. H. H. Murray. There among those under his instruction were Lillian Norton (Nordica), and Anna Louise Carey, one of America's most noted church singers. Shortly after arriving in Boston, he took stock of his possibilities and sought an audience with Mme. Rudersdorff, Richard Mansfield's mother. Upon hearing her fees for lessons, he declared he would teach himself, and although Mme. Rudersdorff told him he was a "fool," he persevered in his determination.

Some of his young friends in Boston were medical students, with whom he attended clinics. Through his study of anatomy, he worked out the physical principles of voice production—just as later he found out for himself the colors of his first painting. Later Mr. Furlong was solist in a Chicago choir with Dudley Buck as organist, subsequently singing under the same director at Holy Trinity in Brooklyn. About this time, there was an opportunity for an oratorical tenor to obtain an opening in that field in England. The aspirants were required to sing before a committee, one member of which was Mme. Rudersdorff. Mr. Furlong won the competition and took occasion to remind Mme. Rudersdorff (who had not recognized him) that he was the same self-taught lad whom she had pronounced a "fool." Thus Mr. Furlong was selected out of fifty-four tenors to succeed at that time the late Joseph Maas. In England he studied with Alberto Bandegger. His career in England was marked with all possible honors, notably at the Sacred Harmonic Society of London, the oldest musical society in the world and many times at the Royal Albert Hall. Among his close friends with whom he sang with Simmes Reeves,

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

As this is my first column, I wish to thank the members for electing me your president at the annual meeting. I will do my best to work with everyone to make sure our Society continues to grow and prosper.

Among the items this year that I would like to focus on are a review of our constitution and by-laws as well as all our policy documents. It is important to see that they reflect our current direction and are relevant to today's purposes and priorities. We also expect to strengthen our committee system to offer creative programming so that the Society functions well and to its fullest potential.

Volunteers are always welcome and needed to keep the Society on the move. I hope anyone wishing to volunteer will let me, any trustee or staff member know.

Together we will continue to grow and make things happen at the Society!

Arlan R. Jodrey

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Help keep the Society strong by making a gift to its Annual Fund Campaign. Tax deductible contributions help support its exhibits, special events, publications, and other programming. Gifts in any amount may be made throughout the year to the Society at P.O. Box 12, Bethel, ME 04217-0012.

New Life Members

Robert B. Frederickson, Ballwin, MO
Nancy Willard, Bryant Pond

(Atherton Bernard Furlong, continued from page 1)

Santley, Mme. Albani and Adelina Patti, singing with Patti at the Royal State Concert at Buckingham Palace.

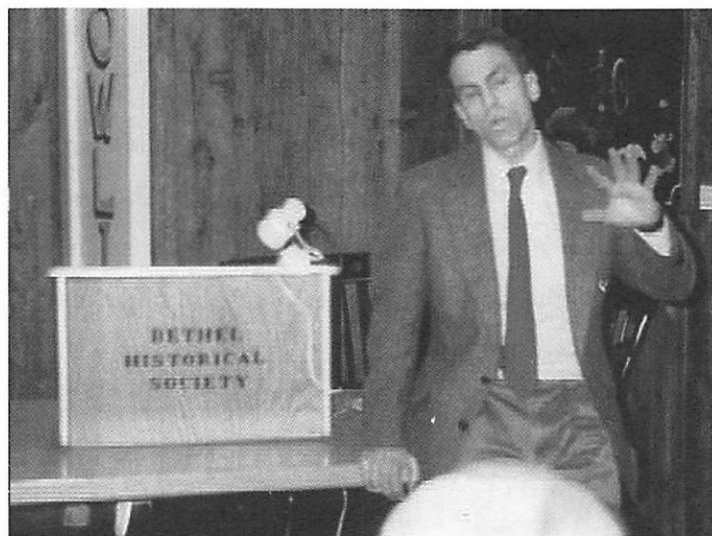
As a painter, Mr. Furlong was known in both America and England as an artist of landscape and animal life. His work ranks with the leading painters of the past centuries. Of his many works, perhaps the painting of "Jerry" which sold for \$15,000 from the Chauss Galleries in New York about 1887, is the masterpiece of his animal subjects. This is a life size painting of a bull belonging to the herd of the Duke of Northumberland. Among the Hemlocks owned by W. E. E. Stokes; Greeting the Morn, owned by Charles F. Yerkes, Chicago, and the Midnight Watch owned by Hanna J. Noyes are among many of his noted paintings in this country.

His work is distinguished by great individuality, of refinement and delicacy. Always an indefatigable worker, time found him creating some of his strongest works the past summer, standing at his easel only two days before his death softly took brush and pen from the hand of the great master, and stilled the sweet music of which he had given so freely; for it seemed his great joy in life was to give his talents and to encourage youth in the realization of ambition.

After teaching in London and Berlin, he returned to America and for the past seven years has conducted the College of Vocal Arts in Toronto, as founder and director. His recitals have been one of the features of the musical season.

Poetry of words seemed as essential a means of expression to Mr. Furlong as poetry of sound and vision. His published works have placed him among the recognized American poets and are best represented in the second edition of his volume, *Echoes of Memory*. His poem, "Mystery," has already found its place as one of the greatest poems of American literature.

Mr. Furlong is survived by two sons, Major Charles Wellington Furlong, who was one of the President's party on his overseas trip and Atherton Bernard Furlong, Jr. of Cincinnati. Services were held in Toronto where a large concourse of friends and students paid their last tribute to their beloved master. During the summer of 1918, Mr. Furlong spent his vacation in Norway.



Archaeologist Neill DePaoli, Ph.D., discusses life in 17th century Pemaquid at the November lecture. His topic was "Life on the Edge: Social Structure and Relations in 17th Century Pemaquid, Maine."

Notes Regarding Bethel, Maine

by William A. Valentine

(continued from the last issue)



The "Pork Barrel"

On the old Chapman farm, there is a pond of perhaps one half acre in extent that is fed by springs from the bottom and the whole is often overflowed by waters from the Androscoggin River in spring or autumn. At present, there are a few fish of various kinds in it, but in the time of the son of the first Chapman, who settled the farm he gave the above name because he could go down there and get a mess of trout as easily as he could go to the pork barrel in the cellar when he wanted salt pork.

The Blow Down in 1883

Some time in November 1883, one night, we had a very severe windstorm. I think it was a cyclone or tornado as it seemed to strike in streaks. In the morning, there were seven big pine trees down across the road between our house and the Stowell Place.

On the right hand side of the road there were but two trees partly uprooted on our land, but just over the line fence on land owned by James Chapman and his brother almost every large tree was down and in back of our house most of the trees below the road that goes straight back from the house were overturned and our next neighbor above had a great number of trees down.

The local sawmills thought they had everybody by the throat and would not make a decent offer for the timber and finally my grandfather (Isaac B. Valentine) hunted up two mill operators in Massachusetts and brought them down to Bethel to look things over and they ordered a new portable engine and boiler to be built and it was delivered early in January 1884. It was rated at 40 horse power but as it was used afterward was forced so it probably developed more than double the above power. The boiler was a locomotive type and the engine was mounted on its back. They dug a hole in the snow and ground and set it up out in the opening and sawed boards to make a rough building over the sawmill and engine.

The circular saw was 52" [in] diameter and 22 inches was the widest board it could saw. The Maine timber was bigger than they were used to handling in Massachusetts and the outfit was none too large for it.

When the outfit arrived, the safety valve would start to blow off at about 90 lbs., but that was not enough pressure to carry as big a cut on the saw as they wanted to do so they added more weights on the lever and carried 140 lbs. right along when they could keep the fire in the furnace hot enough to do it right.

The first man they hired to run the saw was from West Paris and he had been used to a water mill and was afraid to drive the steam mill up to capacity and finally they left him go and put a Frenchman named LaMotte, who had been engineer in charge of the saw. Under his handling, they sawed over 10,000 feet a day.

The Valentines cut 157,000 feet of lumber and the Chapmans about 500,000. I was 14 years old and used to be around the mill a good deal and learned to fire and attend to

the feed water. A week before the end of the season one of the mill hands was called home and that meant hiring some local help and the mill owners told Father if I had been 18 instead of 14 they would have given me the job as engineer.

The mill got rather a black eye from having the first lawyer afraid of it so they found no other place in the vicinity of Bethel where it was wanted and the owners took it back to Massachusetts.

Some of the Mountainside Farms

When the first settlers came to Bethel, they did not realize how rapidly and how high the Androscoggin River could rise and built some of their homes at too low a level for safety.

When they were flooded out, some of them went to the other extreme and cleared farms well up on the side of some of the mountains.

In the early days, a man named Bond cleared quite a tract on the lower slope of Locke or Besse Mountain and planted a considerable apple orchard that furnished food for the partridges and bears long after the original owner had departed and he is reported to have said there was not wood enough to keep a man from freezing to death there.

Farther up on the side of the same Mt. was a large place called the Besse Place and until recently the clearing was quite open and an extensive old apple orchard there.

I found the remains of the old well and even some rose bushes still blooming on their own although the original Besse is said to have gone off to join the Mormons. The old settlers worked hard to get a farm there for there must be 1,000 tons of rocks that they piled into stone walls to clear the land for farming.

Moses Mason told me the small two-room house that was located near the Stowell Place that the old Frenchman named Willey lived in when I was a boy was the old Besse house. You would wonder how it could have been moved the mile or two from its location on the side of the mountain but a great deal of the places that were timbered ever since I can remember must have been cleared then.

In the old days, there was a road from Swan's Corner that ran up over the side of Besse Mt. through the Besse Place, with a branch that went into the Bond Lot, and finally came out at the old grist mill on Chapman Brook.

Far up on the side of Besse Mt. in the old days there was a large house that was afterward moved down to Chapman Brook by Deacon Edmund Chapman and seeing things as they are today the moving of this house seems more impossible than the moving of the Besse house as it was a much larger place and higher up on the side of the mountain.

Our next neighbor, T. H. Chapman, saw the above place moved when he was a very small boy and told me that some man who saw it start to moved said something to the effect that it went as if it was greased.

Some distance below, the above named house, Vincent Chapman, son of Deacon Edmund, had a pretty good home and farm and his son Howard Chapman succeeded to the farm, but Howard died in 1878 and I think finally the house was taken down and later the barn collapsed and fell down and now a vigorous growth of white pine has filled up the upper pasture lands and is spreading down farther and farther. The old road was discontinued about 1857.

(to be continued in the next issue)



MEMBER PROFILE:

Rebecca P. Kendall

Rebecca P. Kendall was born in Bethel, attended local schools, and graduated from Gould Academy in 1947. After completing a two year course at the Central Maine General Hospital School of Medical Technology, she worked for three Bethel physicians, Dr. Willard Boynton, Dr. John Lanni and Dr. John Young. She was later employed by the Bethel Family Health Center, the Bethel Savings Bank and the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce. She married Maurice Kendall in 1953, who owned and operated the Kendall Dowel Mill in West Bethel for many years. He died in 1986.

Very active in the community, she has long served as an officer of the Bethel Library trustees, on the Town of Bethel Budget Committee, as a West Bethel Union Church volunteer, and with the Rumford Community Hospital Auxiliary. She is also active on Mahoosuc Land Trust to which she has been a land donor, and the local garden group.

Long associated with the Society, she has been a trustee and treasurer. She is currently a member of the Investment Committee and serves as a volunteer in the Museum Shop.

Her hobbies include skiing, reading, travel, attending concerts, and politics.

IN MEMORIUM

Died, 30 January 2001, Dorothy G. Schmidt, Readfield, Life Member

Died, 9 October 2002, Schuyler L. Mott, Paris, ME, Life Member

Died, 15 October 2002, Basil Seguin, Bryant Pond, Life Member

Died, 31 October 2002, Lyndell Carter, Bethel, Senior Member

Died, 10 November 2002, Eva Mills, Life Member

Died, 6 December 2002, Thelma Knight, Campbellville, KY, Senior Member

Died, 12 December 2002, Donald R. Stanley, South Portland, Senior Member

Died, 16 December 2002, Florine E. Bowden, Albany Township, Life Member

2001 Financial Report

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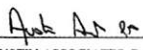
July 19, 2002

To the Board of Directors
Bethel Historical Society
P.O. Box 12
Bethel, ME 04217

We have reviewed the accompanying statements of financial position of Bethel Historical Society, (a nonprofit organization), as of December 31, 2001 and 2000, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, changes in net assets, and cash flows for the years then ended, in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. All information included in these financial statements is the representation of the management of Bethel Historical Society.

A review consists principally of inquiries of organization personnel and analytical procedures applied to financial data. It is substantially less in scope than an examination in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements taken as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.


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Exhibit A

Bethel Historical Society Statements of Financial Position December 31, 2001 and 2000

Assets

	2001	2000
Current Assets:		
Cash	\$ 95,095	\$ 67,993
Certificates of deposit	119,889	119,257
Inventory	79,010	35,835
Total current assets	293,994	223,085
Land, Building and Equipment	746,705	728,522
Less: Accumulated depreciation	338,186	318,258
	408,519	410,264
Other Assets--Investments--Marketable securities	348,219	312,274
Total assets	\$1,050,732	\$945,623
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 1,490	\$ 1,930
Accrued expenses	2,600	1,224
Total current liabilities	4,090	3,154
Net Assets:		
Unrestricted	1,043,597	939,424
Temporarily restricted	3,045	3,045
Total net assets	1,046,642	942,469
Total liabilities and net assets	\$1,050,732	\$945,623

Exhibit B

Bethel Historical Society Statements of Activities For The Years Ended December 31, 2001 and 2000

	2001	2000
Unrestricted Net Assets:		
Support and Revenue:		
General contributions	\$ 25,944	\$ 24,415
Grants	0	1,500
Dues	6,993	8,759
Admission and sales income	60,788	32,467
Capital campaign income	82,521	123,908
Rental income	235	305
Special event income	12,180	8,039
Investment income	24,620	24,718
Loss on sale of securities	(519)	(2,875)
Unrealized gain (loss) on marketable securities	6,218	(2,419)
Total unrestricted support and revenue	218,980	218,817
Expenses:		
Program services	92,317	89,005
Supporting services	22,490	30,850
	114,807	119,855
Increase in Net Assets:	\$ 104,173	\$ 98,962

Exhibit C

Bethel Historical Society Statements of Changes in Net Assets For The Years Ended December 31, 2001 and 2000

	2001	2000
Unrestricted Net Assets:		
Balance, at beginning of year, as previously stated	\$ 939,424	\$ 846,186
Prior period adjustment	0	(5,724)
Balance, at beginning of year, as restated	939,424	840,462
Increase in unrestricted net assets	104,173	98,962
Balance, at end of year	\$ 1,043,597	\$ 939,424

Bethel Historical Society
Statements of Functional Expenses
For The Years Ended December 31, 2001 and 2000

Exhibit D

	2001		2000	
	Program Services	Supporting Services	Supporting Services	Program Services
Advertising	\$ 309	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 812
Bank charges	0	348	452	0
Bookkeeping expense	0	1,648	2,125	0
Building repairs	1,708	0	0	975
Depreciation	17,935	1,993	1,839	16,554
Director's expense	0	335	300	0
Dues	695	0	0	725
Fund raising expenses	0	9,999	10,871	0
Grant expense	0	0	0	519
Heat, lights and water	10,576	0	0	9,438
Insurance	9,169	797	742	8,531
Interest	0	0	0	3,358
Janitorial services	974	0	0	1,207
Merchandise for resale	10,243	0	0	9,763
Miscellaneous	625	2,033	7,491	571
Office supplies and printing	4,742	0	0	3,521
Postage	2,040	227	244	2,195
Professional fees	0	2,000	3,750	0
Salaries	30,187	1,927	1,736	27,902
Taxes	2,982	0	0	2,790
Telephone	132	1,183	1,300	144
Total expenses	\$92,317	\$22,490	\$30,850	\$89,005

Bethel Historical Society
Statements of Cash Flows
For The Years Ended December 31, 2001 and 2000

Exhibit E

	2001	2000
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:		
Increase in net assets	\$ 104,173	\$ 98,962
Adjustments to reconcile increase in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	19,928	18,393
Securities received as a donation	(6,089)	(16,162)
Loss on sale of securities	519	2,875
Unrealized (gain) loss on change in value of marketable securities	(6,218)	2,419
Increase in operating assets--Inventory	(43,175)	(12,562)
Increase (Decrease) in operating liabilities:		
Accounts payable	(440)	951
Accrued expenses	1,376	30
Net cash provided by operating activities	70,074	94,906
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:		
Capital expenditures	(18,183)	(43,017)
Purchase of securities	(80,851)	(14,774)
Proceeds from the sale of securities	56,062	38,638
Net cash used in investing activities	(42,972)	(19,153)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities--Loan repayments	0	(96,282)
Net cash used in financing activities	0	(96,282)
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	27,102	(20,529)
Cash and Cash Equivalents, at beginning	67,993	88,522
Cash and Cash Equivalents, at end	\$ 95,095	\$ 67,993

Bethel Historical Society
Notes to the Financial Statements
December 31, 2001 and 2000

NOTE 1: Significant Accounting Policies

Organization's activities:

The Organization is a historical society located in Bethel, Maine.

Basis of presentation:

In 1996, the Organization elected to adopt Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 117, *Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Organizations*. Under SFAS No. 117, the Organization is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to three classes of net assets: Unrestricted net assets, temporarily restricted net assets, and permanently restricted net assets. In addition, the Organization is required to present a statement of cash flows.

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Net assets and revenues, expenses, gains, and losses are classified based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, net assets of the Organization and changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

Unrestricted net assets--Net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed stipulations.

Temporarily restricted net assets--Net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that may or will be met, either by actions of the Organization and/or the passage of time. When a restriction expires, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the statements of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

Permanently restricted net assets--Net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that they be maintained permanently by the Organization. Generally, the donors of these assets permit the Organization to use all or part of the income earned on any related investments for general or specific purposes.

Cash:

For purposes of the statements of cash flows, the Organization considers all highly liquid debt instruments purchased with a maturity date of three months or less to be cash or cash equivalents.

Inventories:

Inventories are stated at lower of cost or market value, with cost generally determined on the first-in, first-out method.

Contributions:

Contributions, including unconditional promises to give, are recorded as made. All contributions are available for unrestricted use unless specifically restricted by the donor. Conditional promises to give are recognized when the conditions on which they depend are substantially met. Unconditional promises to give, due in the next year, are recorded at their net realizable value. Unconditional promises to give, due in subsequent years, are reported at the present value of their net realizable value, using risk-free interest rates applicable to the years in which the promises are to be received.

Bethel Historical Society
Notes to the Financial Statements
December 31, 2001 and 2000

NOTE 1: Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Land, building and equipment:

Purchases of property are capitalized at cost. Donations of property and equipment are recorded as support at their estimated fair value. Depreciation is computed on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets. Minor additions and replacements are treated as expenses of the current unrestricted fund.

Income taxes:

No provision for income taxes has been made due to the Organization's tax exempt status under IRC Section 501(c)(3).

Use of estimates:

The Organization uses estimates and assumptions in preparing financial statements. Those estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, and the reported revenues and expenses. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

Advertising:

The Organization uses advertising to promote its programs among the public it serves. Advertising costs are expensed as incurred. Advertising expense was \$309 and \$812 for the years ended December 31, 2001 and 2000, respectively.

NOTE 2: Land, Building and Equipment

	2001	Cost	2000
Land and building	\$578,621		\$578,621
Improvements	112,814		98,615
Equipment	55,270		51,286
	<u>\$746,705</u>		<u>\$728,522</u>

NOTE 3: Investments--Marketable Securities

Investments are stated at market value using specific identification. Cost is the purchase cost of the security or the market value on the date that the security was contributed:

	2001		2000	
	Cost	Market Value	Cost	Market Value
Cash	\$ 95,095	\$ 95,095	\$ 67,993	\$ 67,993
Certificates of deposit	\$119,889	\$119,889	\$119,257	\$119,257
Stocks	\$ 90,169	\$141,437	\$ 60,070	\$110,071
Bonds	202,380	206,782	202,752	202,203
Total marketable securities	<u>\$297,549</u>	<u>\$348,219</u>	<u>\$262,822</u>	<u>\$312,274</u>

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Bethel Historical Society
Notes to the Financial Statements
December 31, 2001 and 2000

NOTE 3: Investments--Marketable Securities (Continued)

Market value exceeds cost by \$55,670 and \$49,452 at December 31, 2001 and 2000, respectively.

NOTE 4: Interest Paid

No interest was paid during the year ended December 31, 2001.

Interest paid during the year ended December 31, 2000 was \$3,358.

NOTE 5: Prior Period Adjustment

During the year ended December 31, 2000, the correction of an accounting error resulted in a prior period restatement of net assets. This restatement was necessary to correct the market value of marketable securities at January 1, 2000 and resulted in a decrease in net assets of \$5,724.

NOTE 6: Reclassifications

Certain amounts reported for 2000 have been reclassified to conform with the 2001 presentation. Such reclassifications had no effect on reported income.

37th ANNUAL MEETING

Herbert Adams of Portland, a native of Norway, Maine, former State Representative, and currently the Cumberland County Register of Probate, was the featured speaker at the Society's 37th annual meeting held at the Regional History Center on Broad Street. Adams spoke on the life and work of Edward Sylvester Morse (see *The Courier*, Volume 26, Number 2 for a profile of the famed scientist and his connection with Bethel's Gould Academy). Adams skillfully outlined a life marked by brilliance and adventure.

The meeting began with a chicken barbecue attended by over sixty members and friends under the maples along the stone wall between the Mason and Robinson House properties. The group adjourned to the meeting room of the Dr. Moses Mason House, where President Al Barth called the meeting to order. As the last annual meeting was reported in *The Courier*, no action was taken on the minutes. The president also reported that the annual financial report would be published in the quarterly as well. In reviewing some of the highlights of the past year, Barth cited the addition of fifty-seven new members, more than seventy donations of artifacts and other historical materials to the collection, the hosting of a number of special events, the painting and insulation of the Robinson House, the most successful Annual Fund campaign in Society history (over \$21,000 from 387 donors), the adoption of a business plan, the launching of the second phase of the capital campaign, and the restoration of the Sunday River snowroller.

The president called for a moment of silence for all members who had died since the last annual meeting. They included James Mann, Sr., Stanley L. Brown, Elton "Red" Coolidge, Mary Angevine, Doris F. Wilkins, Barbara Willey, Joan Trapp Wiese, Rev. Clifford Laws, Donald W. Calderwood, James Yarnell, Margaret "Peg" Wheeler, Wilho M. Matero, Alice Kimball, Ruth H. Cummings, Ina Carey, Ralph Burris, Albert Cotton, Fourn Powell, Lois Burgess, Beatrice Burris, Harry E. Grover, Jr., Marlene Marshall,

William M. Throop, Jr., Dale Lapham, Lillian E. "Betty" Perkins, Donald B. Eddy, and Rita H. Davis.

Following the memorial moment, Mr. Barth announced nine new honorary members, the Society highest membership honor, extended to those who have passed their 75th birthday and compiled an outstanding record of volunteer service. Honored were Howard and Virginia Cole, Annie Hastings, Rudi and Barbara Honkala, Arlene Lowell, Earlon and Mary Paine, and Ruth Wight.

The 16th Annual Marjorie MacArthur Noll Volunteer Service Award was presented by Society Director Stanley R. Howe to Margaret A. Davis, who was honored for her more than twenty-five years of guiding in the museum, service as a trustee and a member of the Nominating Committee, and as a very dedicated member of the Garden and Grounds Committee. Her son Mike Davis was present to witness his mother receiving the award.

Retiring trustee Jackie Van Leuven reported for the Nominating Committee: President, Arlan Jodrey, Vice President, Allen Cressy; Secretary and Clerk of the Trustees, Susan Herlihy; Treasurer, Walter Hatch and Trustees for three years, Alvin Barth and Barbara Lapham. The report was accepted by the membership and all of the above were elected. The President expressed his gratitude to Mrs. VanLeuven for her service on the Board.

A very special quilt made by Mabel Kennett and June Abbott with the assistance of others was unveiled by Becky Kendall and Susan Herlihy. Depicting Civil War images and decorative details, it will become part of the Society's permanent collection. At a later date, the public will be invited to sponsor a section to benefit the capital campaign. Much gratitude was expressed to the group who worked so hard to produce such an heirloom. The names of sponsors will be enshrined beside the quilt in a long-term exhibit that has been proposed when the new addition to the Robinson House is completed.



Mike Davis (left) poses with his mother, Margaret Davis, and Alvin Barth, Society president, following the presentation of the 16th annual Marjorie MacArthur Noll Volunteer Service Award at the 37th annual meeting.

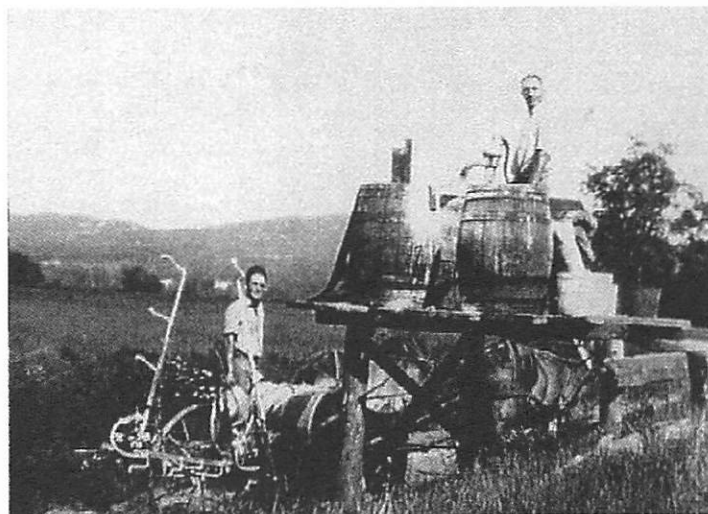
Diary of William S. Hastings

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1939-June 1, Clear, warm. Planted in a.m. Norway in p.m. to have treatment. June 2, Clear & warm. Chained the potato land. June 3, Clear, warm. Plowed, harrowed & finished planting potatoes. Planted for Noyes. Finished his spuds. June 4, Rain. Cattle to back pasture. 8 head [young stock]. Fixed fence. Adjusted John's tractor plow in p.m. Grover's family called. I've a very stiff neck. June 5, Clear & warm. Bob after load of phosphate. Hauled manure for corn. Harrowed for Leslie 2 hrs. Norway in eve. June 6, Cold & windy. I seeded 2 1/4 A for Noyes to oats, 3/4 to millett. Bob preparing ground for ensilage corn. June 7, Clear & warm. Planted yellow corn & ensilage. Star meeting in eve. June 8, Clear & warm. Finished planting. 34 A in all. Began May 18. Potatoes-19.5 A; oats-16.5 A; ensilage corn-2.5 A; yellow corn-1 A. I hauled 1200# hay to Frank [Bean], \$7. Mason meeting. June 9, Showers. Planted garden. Measured potatoes for Haines, 9.35 A. June 10, Clear & hot. Dad & I started peeling in L9R9 Bean Swamp. Skeeters are bad. June 11, Clear, warm. Estes & Eva [Yates, Ruth's uncle and aunt] came up to dinner. We went to Greenwood in late p.m. June 12, Clear & warm. Peeled 25 trees after 10 a.m. & swamped some road. Called on Grover and Alice eve. June 13, Clear & hot. Killed 6 cockerels. Peeled 32 trees. Mason meeting in Bryant Pond in eve. June 14, Showers. Hay pressing crew is here. I set out 2 doz. tomato plants. Hauled hay. Hauled 3440 lbs. to Bill Yates [on the Ames place near the Greenwood ice caves]. June 15, Clear, warm. Hauled pressed hay to Bean barn. Peeled 12 trees in a.m. June 16, Cloudy, cool, windy. Peeled 32 trees. June 17, Rain in a.m. Clear p.m. Installed a new blower on forge. Cleaned up. Stored sleds. Patched Bean barn. Cleared potato planter. June 18, Clear, cold. Picnic lunch at Twitchell pond. Greenwood. Evelyn [Tamminen, Ruth's sister] came up here with us. June 19, Clear, cool. Almost a frost. Peeled 36 trees. Moved to north end of 9R9. June 20, Cloudy, warm. Peeled 41 trees. 4 cords. June 21, Clear, warm. Peeled 36 trees. Moved to blow down in 10R9. Cantdog stock broke & landed me on butt log on my back. June 22, Clear, hot. I'm in bed. Back is bad. Bob started haying on Home field. I hoed all p.m. Crew peeled 18 trees. June 23, Cloudy. Rain. We are jacking the barn. Cleaned range shelters. Repairing wheel-barrow. Paid Clarence Perham in eve. \$433.02. June 24, Rain. Stored lime sower, hardwood lumber under Bean barn. P.M. cultivated spuds with tractor. John & Edith Howe's 25th wedding anniversary party [at Grange Hall]. 100 people there. June 25, Rain. Took baled hay to Bill [Yates], 3080#. Moved last chicks from cellar to range. June 26, Cloudy. Fenced. Cultivated. June 27, Clear, warm. Fenced in a.m. P.M. went with roasters [poultry] to Turner. Saw [Dr.] Swett. Got bbl. of CuSO₄ from Walkers. Looked up deeds. June 28, Clear,

hot. Peeled 10 trees in a.m. In p.m. hayed 2 loads of clover. June 29, Clear, hot. Mowed around garage. Got in hay. May 30, Rain, tinkered on hen houses. My Transit came. Gurley Model 112, No. 39657. It is a fine instrument. Star meeting at Bryant Pond. July 1, Clear, hot. Norway for treatment. Looked up deeds for Grover [Brooks] & Clint [Littlefield]. July 2, Cloudy. Greenwood. Used transit on Lot line between 6 & 7R7. Like it fine. July 3, Clear, warm. W. wind. Mowed last of Crow Piece. 3 loads of hay from Home field & finished it. Peeled 21 trees. July 4, Clear, hot. Bill got burned quite badly [from firecrackers]. I'm mowing on Bean place. Took 4 loads of hay from Crow Piece in p.m. July 5, Clear, hot. Broke pitman rod castings. Got 8 loads of hay. Had telephone installed, 23-7. New pitman came from Walker. July 6, Clear & hot. We finished the Crow Piece. 12 loads from 5 1/2 A. After 5 p.m. I ran line between Clint & Carl Legrow. 2 hrs. = \$2.20. July 7, Clear & hot. Harrowed bindweed. Put hoes on tractor & hoed 3 A. Hayed on Mel Bean place. Billy & I raked until 8:30 p.m. July 8, Clear & hot. Finished 9 A hay on Mel Bean place. Showered in p.m. Hoed garden. Polished car. July 9, Clear & warm. W. wind. Barbara is 12. We went to Hallowell, via Route 2 to New Sharon. Then to Belgrade Lake, Augusta. Home via Gardiner, Sabbattus, Lewiston, etc. July 10, Clear, cool. Hoed some. Started sprayer, 500 gal. of spray. [Potato] Bugs are bad. New leather on No. 1 cyl. Got 2 loads hay, 7:30. July 11, Clear, cool. W. wind. 700 gal. spray. 3 big loads of hay. Finished "Eph" piece & 2 1/2 A on Henry piece. Norway in eve. to have back fixed. July 12, Cloudy. Blind spell & liver attack. July 13, Clear, cool. Sick all day. July 14, Shower a.m. Clear p.m. Three loads of firewood in my shed. Finished hoeing 14 A piece of spuds. Bethel in eve. Called on Alice [Brooks]. July 15, Clear, cool. Hoeing and haying. July 16, Cloudy. Ruth and I went to Portland & had our eyes fitted. Bought truck tire & tube, \$17. Battery, \$2.88, guaranteed for 1 yr. July 18, Cloudy, cold. Built a semi-trailor on Red Truck. 2 loads of hay in p.m. Our certified seed piece passed inspection.



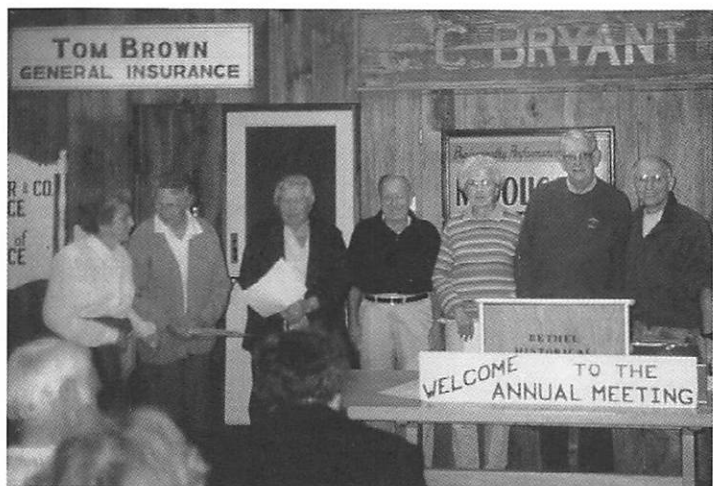
William Hastings (left) and his brother Robert mix spray for potatoes on their intervale land, 1930s. Courtesy of Barbara Hastings Honkala.

Mosaic O. Leafroll 3/4 of 1%. July 19, Clear & warm. Hayed. July 20, Clear, warm. Hayed in a.m. Hard shower at noon. Started Grover Brooks survey job in p.m. 3 hrs. July 21, Clear & warm. Surveyed for 3 hrs. for Grover. Hayed in p.m. July 22, Clear, hot. Hayed & sprayed. Finished Bean places. 3 loads off Home Piece. Bethel in eve. July 23, Clear & warm. Grover's family & our family spent day at South Pond. Nice time. Motor bothered some. July 24, Clear, hot. Hayed & sprayed. 5 loads hay. 2 1/2 loads mowed same day. Slid one load off the semi-trailer. July 25, Clear & hot. Loaded 8 hogs for Newt before 6:30 a.m. Sprayed. 5 loads hay. July 26, Clear, hot. Finished mowing & finished haying. 7 loads today. 4 of them mowed this morning. July 27, Cloudy, light rain. Unloaded hay, 4 loads. Cleared. Finished striking boards. In p.m. I took Bob's car to Norway. Looked up deeds, 3 hrs. (1 hr. for Grover, 2 hrs. Miss Plaisted.) July 28, Shower. Dressed poultry. Sprayed. July 29, Clear, hot. Norway for treatment. "Research" 1 hr. for Miss Plaisted. P.M. Bethel to search town records. July 30, Cloudy. Chased out 3 wild heifers on Fleet Place. P.M. called on Ruth's folks & also Mert Millett's [at their cottage on Little Pennessewasee Lake]. July 31, Rain. Frank Bean & I searched the Oxford County Registry for deeds in Hamlin's Grant. August 1, Clear, cool. Dressed till 1:30 p.m. Surveyed for Grover 3 1/2 hrs. Almost done on that job. August 2, Clear, cool. Chased wild cattle. Drove 2 in. The Guernsey heifer came in with Farwell's cows. Pulled weeds & dug bindweed roots. Dressed poultry for Bryant [store in Bethel]. August 3, Cloudy. Dug bindweed. Got the peeling tools home. August 4, Cloudy, showers. Hoed in a.m. Bryant Pond in p.m. to set up tents. Rained. Fireworks in eve. [Fish and Game Assn.]. August 5, Clear, warm. Mt. Abram Field Day. I dressed poultry & repaired sprayer in a.m. P.M. I sold tickets, 5 books of 10 each. August 6, Clear, hot. Sprayed for Frank in Hamlin's Grant. 11 to 12 and 1-8 p.m. - 8 hrs. Hard day.

August 7, Cloudy, hot. Sprayed all day. 14 loads of Bordeaux mixture. August 8, Cloudy, hot. Sprayed. Finished job at 4:30. Hauled 2 loads of wood. August 9, Rain. Dressed poultry. Mended chairs. Dug Bob's spring. Dug 1/2 bu. potatoes. Big enough for market. August 10, Clear & hot. Mowed weeds from garden. Ran cement in Bob's spring. August 11, Clear & hot. Finished spring & laid pipe to Bob's house wall. Spring is 4' X 4'2" X 3'. Water is 22" deep.



Herbert Adams addressed the 37th annual meeting on the famed scientist Edward Sylvester Morse, who was once a student of Dr. N.T. True at Bethel's Gould Academy.



New Honorary Members (left to right) Annie Hastings, Ruth Wight, Mary Paine, Earlon Paine, Virginia Cole, and Howard Cole pose with president Alvin Barth following the presentation of their certificates.



Participants in Mary Valentine's October 2002 presentation on early Mormons in the western Maine area included Jane Hosterman, Judy Haskell, Mary Valentine, Randall Bennett, Stan Howe, Susan Herlihy, who posed with Mormon Elder Jim Christiansen of Mexico, Maine, who attended with his wife Lou Etta, who took this photo. Several of the above read selections from diaries and letters regarding the Mormon migration from western Maine to Utah. In the center is the "Adam and Eve" quilt made in England and brought back by Parley Pratt (a leading figure in the early Mormon Church) and his wife Mary Ann Frost Pratt and presented to her sister Lucretia Frost Bean, a resident of Eas Bethel. The quilt was the gift this year of Polly Ann Johnston of Spanaway, WA.

Book Note

After King Philip's War: Presence and Persistence in Indian New England. Edited by Colin G. Calloway. (Hanover, NH: University Press of New England, 1997. Pp. 268. Paper. \$22.95)

The nine essays in this volume by leading scholars discuss the history of Native Americans following the killing of Metacomet, the tribal leader more familiarly known as "King Philip" during the 17th century war that bears his name. This collection challenges the notion that Native peoples disappeared from New England after that war. They survived and adapted, existing quietly on the fringes of Yankee society, despite many changes and adaptations. Ignoring all the pressures to conform to modern American society, they have maintained their Indianess through reliance on their heritage.

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Editor's Corner

Once more, we are bringing to light another Western Mainer, whose name few will recognize today. Atherton Furlong deserves to be better known; I hope the article on the front page of this issue will result in more information about his life and contributions to his era. It is important that we find these remote

figures in our past and bring them to the attention of the present generation. Also useful is to discover ties of the noteworthy with this region and publicize them in this publication. Anyone having ideas for possible articles on these subjects is invited to send articles or information to me at the editor's address on page 12.

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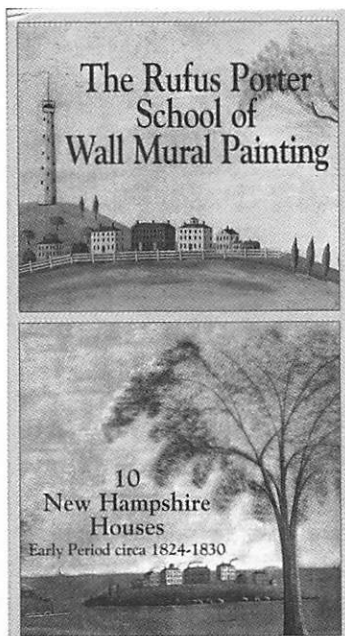
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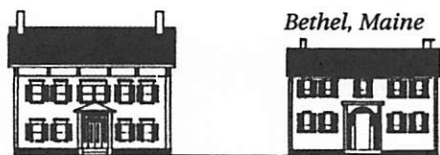
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